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PROTOTYPE™ #1

Created to promote and protect the interests of UltraTech, Inc., Prototype is a one-man army. Wearing the most advanced exo-skeleton yet conceived, he is the ideal corporate icon. Powerful, reliable...replaceable! After the mysterious accident which cost him his arm, Bob Campbell, the original Prototype, was unceremoniously retired and replaced with young Jimmy Ruiz and a shiny new set of armor.

Now Jimmy has everything he could ever want. Power, fame, money, women and most of all, danger. But it's all a part of being a highly visible public persona. Jimmy lives the life of a king, but unknown to him, UltraTech is hiding something; and lurking in the wings is Bob Campbell, plotting, planning...waiting.

David Ammerman/James Pascoe--Cover
Tom Mason/Len Strazewski--Writers
David Ammerman--Penciller
James Pascoe--Inker

Prototype™ Design by David Ammerman

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Ben Herrera & Mike Christian--Cover
Gerard Jones--Writer
Ben Herrera--Penciller
Mike Christian--Inker

FREEX #2

Valerie leaves the Freex and meets up with another super-powered Ultra called Rush. He coaxes Valerie to use her newfound abilities for the wrong side of the law.
The rest of the Freex are getting to know the new visitor, Plug. As they learn more about Plug, the Freex discover that they must also learn more about their own mysterious past!

Norm Breyfogle--Cover
Len Strazewski & Gerard Jones--Co-Writers
Norm Breyfogle--Penciller & Inker

PRIME #3

A special guest appearance by Prototype kicks off this hot "origin" issue as the secrets of Prime are revealed at last! If YOU find it hard to believe, think how Kevin feels! When Kevin searches for his idol, Hardcase, he instead finds himself in a showdown with Prototype!

James Callahan & James Robinson--Penciller
Rod Ramos--Inker
Chris Wozniak & John Lowe--Cover
James Hudnall--Writer

HARDCASE #3

Hardcase suspects that Choice might be lying when she refuses to completely co-operate with the police. Before he has time to get to the truth, three hired Ultras attack him. They want Choice back at any cost--even if it means killing Hardcase!

Rick Hoberg--Cover
Steve Englehart--Writer
Rick Hoberg--Penciller
Tim Burgard--Inker

STRANGERS #3

The Strangers have reached a critical point in their lives when they must decide a direction for the team. Unfortunately, their decision is delayed when J.D. Hunt's ultrahuman enforcers, TNTNT, attack. Their mission? To bring back Cabot--at anyone's expense.

EXILES #1

United by the deadly virus which transformed them into ultrahumans, eight misfits band together as the Exiles. Under the leadership of brilliant biochemist Rachel Deming, they set out to find and protect others of their kind. Unfortunately for the Exiles, the evil Malcolm Kort has recruiting plans of his own, and if the Exiles must die in the process, so be it!

Outcasts in their own world, the Exiles fight a desperate battle to accomplish the most impossible feats of all--to save themselves from mankind, and save mankind from itself.

David Williams /Mike Christian--Pictured Art
Steve Gerber--Writer
Paul Pelletier--Penciller
Ken Branch--Inker

Tinsel™ design by Paul Pelletier

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EXILES™ #1

The Theta Virus has struck the Earth, granting people Ultra powers...but at what price? Dr. Rachel Deming discovers that if the Theta disease is not treated, all the infected people will die.

For this reason, Dr. Rachel Deming and her nemesis, Malcolm Kort, have scoured the Earth looking for "Potentials"—those humans infected with the disease. Deming wishes only to help them, but Kort wants to exploit them for his own needs. It's more than a just a race to find these Potentials—it's a race for power! If Deming loses, it could mean certain disaster for Earth!

The Creative Team Behind *Exiles*:

Steve Gerber—Writer: One of the most influential comic book creators of the '70s, Steve Gerber is the creator of *Howard the Duck*. He has written extensively for Marvel Comics and DC Comics on titles including *The Phantom Zone, Man-Thing, The Defenders, She-Hulk*, and more recently *The Legion of Night* with superstar Image artist Whilce Portacio. Mr. Gerber has also scripted animated projects including *Dungeons and Dragons, Thundarr the Barbarian* and *Transformers*, as well as a live action *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episode.

Quote: "By helping the launch of Image and now by the creation of the Malibu Ultraverse, Malibu is pointing the way for the future of comics."

Paul Pelletier—Penciller: Paul entered the comic book arena about four years ago where he did work for Alpha Productions. Since then he's managed to keep himself busy with Malibu's *Ex-Mutants*. Currently Paul is working for DC on its soon to be revived series, *The Outsiders*.

Ken Branch—Inker: Having worked in the comic industry professionally since 1987, Ken no longer needs to wait to be seen. In fact, his inks are so much in demand that he's done work for such companies as Marvel, DC, Valiant, First and Malibu Comics, as well as inking the backgrounds for Jimmy Palmiotti on a variety of Marvel titles for over two years.

Writer: Steve Gerber
Artists: Paul Pelletier & Ken Branch
Cover: David Williams & Mike Christian
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

FREEX™ #2

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The rest of the Freex are getting to know the new visitor, Plug. As they learn more about Plug, the Freex discover that they must also learn more about their own mysterious past!

• First appearance of the ultra-hero, Rush!

Writer: Gerard Jones
Artists: Ben Herrera & Mike Christian
Cover: Herrera & Christian
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

HARDCASE™ #3

A hot *Hardcase* cover by *X-Force* artist Mark Pacella kicks off this hard-hitting series' third issue! Hardcase suspects that Choice might be lying when she refuses to completely co-operate with the police. Before he has time to get to the truth, three hired Ultras attack him. They want Choice back at any cost—even if it means killing Hardcase!

Writer: James Hudnall
Artists: Roger Robinson & Jim Callahan
Cover: Mark (*X-Force*) Pacella
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

MANTRA™ #2

Lukasz barely has time to adjust to his new body when Warstrike, the man who killed Lukasz, confronts Lucasz again! Boneyard sends Notch and his henchmen to retrieve the mystical mask that is somehow linked to the magical powers manifesting in Mantra! Who said a man's life in a woman's body isn't exciting?!

Writer: Mike W. Barr
Artists: Terry Dodson & Al Vey
Cover: Dodson & Gary Martin
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

PRIME™ #3

A special guest appearance by Prototype kicks off this hot "origin" issue as the secrets of Prime are revealed at last! If YOU find it hard to believe, think how Kevin feels! When Kevin searches for his idol, Hardcase, he accidentally runs into Prototype.

• Prototype crossover appearance (Prototype debuts in his own title this month)

Writers: Gerard Jones & Len Strazewski
Artist: Norm Breyfogle
Cover: Breyfogle
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

PROTOTYPE™ #1

Prototype is THE hot new Ultraverse #1, with direct tie-ins to previously released Ultraverse titles! Jimmy Ruiz finally has everything he desired: a good job, a nice salary, and the chance to be a hero. It's a baptism by fire when he must defend UltraTech from the villainous Glare!

Plus, Bob Campbell, the original Prototype, returns to find out why he was so abruptly retired after his battle with Prototype 2000. Could there be more to UltraTech than anyone wants to admit?

The Creative Team Behind *Prototype*:

Len Strazewski—Writer: With an extensive background publishing and editing computer science magazines, Mr. Strazewski has scripted issues of *Speed Racer* for Now Comics, *Starman, The Flash* and *The Justice Society of America* for DC, and wrote issues of *The Fly* and *The Web* for DC's Impact line of comics.

A veritable one-man university, Strazewski has a BA in journalism from Northwest University, an MA in creative writing from the University of Illinois in Chicago and an MS in industrial relations from Loyola University. His hobbies include baseball and fine wine.

Quote: "The idea of coming together to create a super-hero universe really excites me. The Malibu Ultraverse will be open to the cutting edge of comic work."

Tom Mason—Writer: With far too much knowledge and trivia rattling around in his fevered brain, Mr. Mason has been forced to allow some of it to spill onto the printed page. The fact that no one has been able to stop him yet only fills him with pride. The creator of Malibu's *Dinosaurs For Hire* and co-writer on *Man Of War*, Mason is anxious to stretch his super-hero muscles with some hard-hitting, gut-wrenching action in *Prototype*.

David Ammerman—Penciller: David has worked for a variety of companies, including Marvel, Eclipse, Innovation, Comico and Blackthorne. He's most known for his work in *Avengers West Coast* (Marvel) and *Skywolf* for Eclipse. A talented artist, David Ammerman helped co-found Rubicon Studios, a comics and graphic art studio, with inker James Pascoe.

James Pascoe—Inker: All his life, James has known that he wanted to draw. At the age of 7 he began to drive his teachers crazy by drawing in class rather than studying. Fortunately by 1984 he enrolled in the San Francisco Academy of Art, where it was okay to doodle, as long as you did it "with opinion." Completing his very opinionated illustration program in 1990, Mr. Pascoe has worked as a freelance illustrator, graphic artist and comic book artist. In the comics field, he has done pencilling, inking and painting work for Marvel, DC, Comico, Malibu and Hamilton Comics.

His great dream is to live long enough to see either the Cleveland Browns win the Super Bowl, or interstellar travel, whichever comes first.

• Look for a Prototype guest appearance in *Prime* #3 this month!

Writers: Tom Mason & Len Strazewski
Artists: David Ammerman & James Pascoe
Cover: Ammerman & Pascoe
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THE STRANGERS™ #3

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Writer: Steve Englehart
Artists: Rick Hoberg & Tim Burgard
Cover: Hoberg
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DINOSAURS FOR HIRE™ #7

A parody cover of Valiant's *Turok* #1 kicks off this issue with the debut of Turret, Hunter O' Dinosaurs! Turret is in New York and he's a-huntin' the Dinosaurs For Hire in a story we just had to call "Turret's Syndrome!"

- *Turok* #1 parody cover!
- Look for the new Sega Genesis home video game version of *Dinosaurs For Hire*
- Read about *Dinosaurs For Hire* in the April issue of *Gamepro* and the *1993 Sega Genesis Game Directory!*

Creator/Writer: Tom Mason
Artists: Leonard Kirk & Bruce McCorkindale
Cover: Kirk and McCorkindale
$2.50/$3.15 in Canada

EX-MUTANTS™ #10

It's the Ex-Mutants 7th anniversary (they debuted in August, 1986!) and Malibu is celebrating in a big way! Mysterious things are happening in Sluggtown, and even more mysterious things are happening to the mutants. A bounty hunter is hot on the tails of our heroes and heroines, and the Ex-Mutants aren't aware they are being followed.

- Special anniversay issue!

Writer: Hank Kanalz
Artists: Brandon McKinney & Ken Branch
Cover: Darick Robertson
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

THE MIGHTY MAGNOR™ #6

It's an all or nothing battle between Magnor and Trepid's forces! Our safety is in the hands of Earth's new mightiest hero. Will Magnor survive? We didn't poly-bag this issue with its own arm-band, but that doesn't mean anything!

Writers: Sergio Aragonés & Mark Evanier
Artist: Aragonés
Cover: Aragonés
$1.95/$2.45 in Canada

NECROSCOPE Book II #1: Wamphyri

(For Mature Readers)

Malibu Comics continues Brian Lumley's horrific saga of Necroscope with *Wamphyri: Necroscope Book II*. The Russian E-Branch investigates the remains where Harry Keogh and Boris Dragosani had their final battle. But is death really Boris' end?

Writer: Martin Powell
Painter: Dave Kendall.
Cover: Painted by Bob Eggleton
$2.95/$3.70 in Canada

STAR TREK®: DEEP SPACE NINE™ #1

The hottest television show on the air now debuts in its own original monthly comic book title! To ensure the quality of the title, Malibu will be using creators whose very names are synonymous with good *Star Trek* material: Mike W. Barr, Gordon Purcell, Jason Palmer, Rob Davis and Jerome Moore!

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine, starring Avery Brooks as Captain Benjamin Sisko and Rene Auberjonois as the shape-shifter Odo, takes place at the same time as *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and revolves around the inhabitants of a space station located near a stable wormhole that provides a coveted pathway to other universes.

In this first issue, Nog and Jake unleash a mysterious killer aboard Deep Space Nine—a multiplying virus that threatens to take over the station, a virus with its roots in Cardassian science!

- Mike W. Barr is also writing the Ultraverse title *Mantra*!

Writer: Mike W. Barr
Artists: Gordon Purcell & Terry Pallot
Cover: Jerome Moore
$2.50/$3.15 in Canada

PROTECTORS™ UNIVERSE

THE FERRET™ #4

(A *Protectors™* Universe Title)

This is it! The battle royale: Ferret vs. Toxin! Ferret is truly in a fight for his life. Ferret must win to get the antidote to the poison in his system, a poison put there by Toxin. This issue also stars Midnight Blue and The Witch.

- Guest cover by *New Warriors* artist Darick Robertson!

Writer: R.A. Jones
Artists: Dean Zachary & Ken Branch
Cover: Zachary & Branch
$2.50/$3.15 in Canada

GRAVESTONE™ #3

(A *Protectors™* Universe Title)

The first issue was such a success, you don't dare miss this one! With the Night Plague released, Gravestone's fellow Protector Eternal Man steps in to help out. But, will even two immortal Protectors be enough?

- *Gravestone* is an ongoing monthly series!

Writer: Martin Powell
Artists: Thomas Derenick & Mike Miller
Cover: Derenick & Miller
$2.25/$2.80 in Canada

MAN OF WAR™ #5

(A *Protectors™* Universe Title)

There's a new supranormal in town and Killinger's his name, but is he a promising new member for the Protectors, or something far more sinister and deadly? Meanwhile, MOW hunts down a maniacal serial killer who's acting as judge and jury and dealing his own brand of justice—death!

Writers: Tom Mason & Dan Danko
Artist: Glenn Brown
Cover: Darick Robertson
$2.50/$3.15 in Canada

PROTECTORS™ #12

Miss Fury is in charge of the Protectors, and it is her responsibility to lead the team in the rescue attempt of President O'Brien's grandson. However, Black Fury has threatened to murder the grandson at the sign of a rescue attempt. Is Miss Fury up to it? Amazing Man is not so sure...

- Part 3 of a 3 part story arc
- Special guest appearance by The Arrow
- Cover painting by Lurene Haines

Writer: R.A. Jones
Artist: Thomas Derenick
Cover: Painting by Lurene Haines
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